

## **Fishmeal**

Fishmeal must be produced in processing plants dedicated only to fishmeal production where no material of animal origin other than fish protein is being used.

USDA/APHIS/VS will issue export certificates for fishmeal to Japan. A VS Form 16-4 should be used with the following additional declaration:

**"The fishmeal was produced in a processing plant that is delegated only to fishmeal production where no material of animal origin other than fish protein is being used."**

**This statement must not be made on the basis of an affidavit, and must not be placed below the "This office has on file a notarized affidavit from (company name) verifying the statements below" statement on the 16-4.**

Before this document can be signed, an inspection should be done of the exporting facility to ensure that only fish protein is being produced. No approval number is necessary. Hourly user fees should be charged for the inspection. Yearly inspections should be done thereafter, unless there is concern that the facility is not in compliance.